J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

March 31, 1927

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor received and I have sent Mr. McDowell statement of your expenses at the recent meeting of the Trustees.

I hope you will be able to attend the meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee which Dr. McClenahan has called for April 7 in the Witherspoon Building. After waiting nearly two hours for the assembling of the committee the other day, to my regret I had to leave. This is an important matter and should be given all due attention. I learned that there seemed to be quite a good deal of friction among the Trustees over the Reinke matter. This is to be greatly regretted. Both Johnson and Wright seem to be earnest in their desire to conscientiously perform their duties and we should cordially support them. So at least it appears to me.

I hope we may have the benefit of your good judgment at the meeting. If you can come and stay over night with me either Wednesday or Thursday night, I would be very much pleased.

Thank you for your kind wishes for my daughter. We think we have a good son-in-law but we miss the daughter very much although she is living not far distant from us.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

EDWIN J. REINKE
CHAIR OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA.

March 7th, 1927.

Dear Dr Robinson;

I found your letter awaiting me on my return from Presbytery today. I want to thank you for your consideration in replying so promptly, and to add that I was delighted to learn that I had been misinformed. It has been most heartening and reassuring to know that you will stand by. Things will probably settle down after a while — it has been the upheaval of this time of transition that has caused our anxiety. Your experience in the affairs of Lincoln, and balanced, sober judgment will be simply invaluable. I am very close to Dr K., and if he has thought of retiring, I think I can stave off such a calamity, as to J. D. L. and his elder — the latter a close personal friend of mine — I am not so sure, but I am in a position to say that the elder will do exactly as his chief does. May it not therefore be that you, who are so close to Dr L., have come to the kingdom for such a time as this? If he will only hold off for a little while longer, till we can get our breath, things may go better. For the responsibilities of a greatly-coveted position are bound to be sobering, and a break with the old clique is inevitable, and only, it seems to me, a matter of time. The conditional $250,000 offered by the Board of General Education involves a herculean task. — As to the inconsistencies of which

you speak, they are probably to be explained on the score of pre-election understandings and assurances. With Dr L., I greatly resent the criticisms that I understand were directed against our beloved Dr Rendall; but at bottom, the man is sound, and a thorough evangelical (his recent book alone would settle that), and time may bring about a better state of affairs than might have been anticipated.

As to Princeton, you have my deepest sympathy, but I am not so sure that the treacherous Liberal scheme will go through, on account of the legal difficulties that will appear. To an outsider like myself, it looks as though Dr Alexander were buckling on his armor for an anticipated legal contest. But God rules, and our extremity is His opportunity.

Today, we dismissed Macartney to Pittsburg, and received the new man — Cruikshanks — who has been called to St. Paul's. We hope to seat Mc Cormick, of Bethlehem, in the Moderator's chair* next month. The election of a straight ticket of commissioners will be a heavy undertaking, but we hope to get away with it. I am afraid the Liberals are going to persuade Green to run, in which case we can hardly defeat him. But Dr Finney is also spoken of, and might be more easily handled.

With many thanks, and cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours

Edwin J. Pinkerton.

* Please don't mention this.

EDWIN J. REINKE
CHAIR OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA.

Personal and Confidential.

March 2nd, 1927.

Dear Dr Robinson;

I shall make no apology for writing this letter, as I am sure that you will fully appreciate my motives.
It has come to me that you have been very seriously contemplating retirement from the Lincoln Board of Trustees. No one could blame you for thinking of such a step, in view of the situation that has gradually developed, and the abuse to which the Board has been subjected. I only hope that you have not as yet actually taken the step.
I scarcely think it would be fair, if you have been contemplating such action, to ask you to disregard entirely the course of action which you may have in mind. But I do ask you, very earnestly, to postpone any steps you may have thought of taking, for the present.
The men who stood by Dr Rendall down here have had a thorny time of it for two years or more. We stood firmly for the Rendall principles, and for the Board's policy, as laid down by the Committee (Laird, Kennedy, Park and Liberton) last Christmas a year. Now, with a changed situation, we need time to get our breath. Probably the election of the present President was the best that was possible under the circumstances. I myself, with Carter, advised it when rounded

by Dr Laird — when it was a case of two alternatives. But other things have come up on the horizon. Let me mention them, as I see them. I can't give apodictic proof for all, but write out of my general knowledge.

1. The Seminary interests must be conserved. Dr Kieffer has just lost his wife, and is at any rate advanced in years. Should he retire, a sound and able man must be chosen to succeed him, else the Seminary will slowly — perhaps not very slowly, either — move toward liberalism and "social service." Kieffer occupies a good house; and should he go, a science man will probably be moved in without ceremony; the Seminary can whistle.

2. The Bible interests must be conserved. The classes are so large as to be hard to handle without an assistant. I have been already sounded as to whether I would be willing to give my full time to the Seminary, abandoning the Bible chair. I said "no." Apart from the fact that this work is nearest my heart and conscience, there are men here who know full well that they cannot liberalize the institution as long as I continue the course which John Randall carefully examined and approved.

3. When Finney left, James, the chemistry teacher, was instantly moved into his house. We have now no full Professor of English Literature, but a white instructor is doing the main work, helped out by a man from West Chester (who teaches negro literature), and several colored men.

Now, you can easily see how hard a row to hoe the men have who want to see the historic character of the work

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conserved. We shall, like the British in this little war, probably muddle through; but a man like yourself, the trusted friend and supporter of John Rendall, can ill be spared at this time. Don't leave us in the lurch. Give us a year's time. And don't let J. D. L. and his elder do it, either.

Please think the matter over very carefully, and, in the words of grand old Dr. John, "Stand by!"

Yours very fraternally,

Edwin J. Reinke

Dear Dr. Courtland.

We all want to thank you for the service which was to us very beautiful, and to express our regret in having to call on you at a very busy time for you.

Billy especially asked me to tell you how much he likes the service and Caroline and Mother join with Bob and me in thanking you. Cordially yours,

Isa Davis Roberts

Delhi, N.Y. February seventh.

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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November 30, 1926

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of the 29th inst. is at hand. Dr. Johnson accepted the Presidency about a week ago. He told Messrs. Watson and Downs when they called on him to tell him of the decision of the Board, that he would let them know as to whether he would accept or not within a week or ten days. I understand he gave it quite a lot of consideration and that he went to New York to see the General Education Board and also Dr. Roberts, President of the Alumni Association.

I wrote both to Dr. Downs and Dr. Watson, who advised me the day after they had been to Lincoln, that if Dr. Johnson accepted ~~any~~ success of his administration would largely depend upon the cordial cooperation of Prof. Wright and I understand from Mr. McDowell that Dr. Johnson appreciates that himself. I know of few men more willing to sink themselves in devotion to a great work than Prof. Wright. Johnson has many good qualities and it often happens when responsibility of any kind is laid upon anyone there is usually a large development of his powers.

I enclose herewith news clipping regarding Dr. Johnson's appointment.

You will have received by this time a notice of the meeting of the Trustees called for Thursday, December 9, and I hope you will be able to attend. A matter well worth our considering, perhaps, is the appointment of Prof. Wright, if he will accept it, as Vice-President to attend to the detail and current matters of the University, giving Dr. Johnson more time for the work of speaking and travelling in the interest of the University.

I have notified Mr. McDowell to send you the amount mentioned for the expenses at the last meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE Enc.

P.S. I enclose copy of letter dated November 24 received from Dr. Downs.

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

October 5, 1926.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Your favor of the 30th ult. received for which I thank you. It does not seem to me as if I can yet fully realize that Mr. Dickey is gone.

I am with you in the opinion that more frequent consultation with all parties would go very far toward the solution of the Lincoln problem. I had Mr. Wright up to take dinner with me at Oxford the other day and we went over a number of things in connection with Lincoln and I really think he is handling matters there quite well.

I note your account as to expenses for attendance upon the last meeting and have requested Mr. McDowell to forward you check for the same.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

1951 Biltmore St. N.W.

Washington. D.C.

Oct. 1. 1926.

Dear Court.

Mother is out in the Walter Reed Army hospital critically ill and I dont know when the end may come. She has been getting worse for the last two weeks and I took care of h her alone as long as I could when she got so helpless that I could not get her out of bed when she needed to and I was loos ing sleep every night and I felt that I was begining to give out so I got an Army Dr to get them at Walter Reed to take her where she will get more care than I could give her and the expense is $30 a month.

All this last week Mother has laid in her bed saying noth ing except when she wanted to get up and when I would ask her anything I could not get her to answer me. The nurse at the h hospital said that she was unconsious when I said good by to h her but she said that she knew me. But Court if Mother is to be unconsious and not to know that I am at her bedside when I go out there daily I would rather the good Lord would take her for there is nothing for her to live for now.

This house is so lonely to night that I am going out to see some Army people that I know just across the street.
I would like to be out beside Mothers bed tonight but I would not get much comfort out of it as she does not notice me
Love to you both.

Most sincerely.

Alex

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

September 30, 1926.

Rev. Wm. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

On Thursday afternoon September 23, last, Mr. S. Ralston Dickey and his wife were accidently killed in crossing the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Aiken, Md. by automobile. I know you will be very sorry indeed to hear of this. Very few things have happened that have so shocked and saddened me. The severance of the ties I have had with Mr. Dickey so stunned me that I can hardly yet realize he has passed away.

He was faithful to every trust committed to him and Mrs. Dickey was one of the closest and dearest friends of Mrs. Ramsey. Both of them will be greatly missed along many lines of useful endeavor.

I have requested sent to you an Oxford Press containing the details of the sad event.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

South Presbyterian Church
Syracuse, N.Y.

Southwest Harbor
Maine
Aug. 29th 1926

My dear Robinson:

Your interesting letter of 8/27 arrived last night — too late for a reply then. So I am sending one now as soon as I can.

From all you have written, I am sure that I dare not do anything toward the Presidency of Lincoln. I know very little about it, and would

not feel justified in looking into the situation under the present circumstances. So I could not say what I would do. If the matter was thrust upon me as a call from God to a great work, that would be a different matter. But even then I should want a legal faculty back of me.

I can appreciate what you say about the Rockefeller influence. For I have been

Alex. Alison & family spent Thursday night with us.

feeling for some time that there was a concerted effort on the part of the modernistic & Unitarian Element to control Negro Education. Every summer there are delegations from all the Negro schools down at these resorts of Bar Harbor, Seal Harbor (where Rockefeller, Ford, Vanderlips & Mrs Adams Brown are) Northeast Harbor & Southwest Harbor. This suspicion was borne in on me recently when I saw Prof Foote of Harvard Divinity School down at the Boat chaperoning another delegation from some Penn School from one of the Carolinas. He always has charge of the Hampton Institute garden parties at Rockefellers

Mrs Kennedy's are at Bar Harbor.
And now, after what you write, I
would not be surprised if they are
seeing Lincoln. Well, don't give
up the fight.

We leave here Tuesday Sept. 7
by car & should reach Syracuse the 9th.
If a flight we could leave here Monday
the 6th & reach there the 8th spending
Tuesday night the 7th somewhere near Troy,
or, arriving there the next morning
rather, the 8th. But as the matter
now looks to me from what you
have written I do not think it
necessary for us to go to the
trouble of seeing. If conditions are
as bad as you say, I would not want
it. Wait & see what the Lord directs.

Thanking you again & with best
regards to Mrs Robinson & yourself.

I am yours as ever
John T. Reeve

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

With kindest regards to both Mrs. Robinson and yourself in which Mrs. Ramsey cordially joins,

Yours very truly,

J. E. Ramsey

JER:HAE

Encs.

I have re-read your letter & Prof. Wright and you certainly cannot take care and - I think you just Laird should see this and Pr. Wright's reply - R

J. EVERTON RAMSEY
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SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

August 26, 1926

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have received this morning from Mr. Liberton a notice of a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln on Thursday, September 9, at 11 o'clock D.S.T. in Witherspoon Hall, Philadelphia.

I am glad that this meeting has been called and hope that the results may be what we all desire. I have not seen Dr. Laird recently and do not know what he has in mind. I am still of the opinion, as I think you are also, that we had better decide to go outside of the present Faculty for a President. Any other action would certainly be unfair to many members of the present Faculty, to say nothing of the broader compelling reasons why this should be done.

I am enclosing herewith the copy of your letter to Prof. Wright which I received from you some little time ago now, and also am returning Prof. Wright's letter to you of the 17th of July. I beg your pardon for the delay.

I also enclose a copy of a letter received from Holley of recent date. Kindly return this to me when you have read it. He is a much higher grade man in my opinion, than some of the Alumni who are so active in their own propaganda.

There is no reason under the sun why we should be rushed into improper action at this coming meeting by any alumnus or any member of the Faculty. I think this is your opinion, too.

One important part of my letter I now come to and that is that Mrs. Ramsey and I would like you to bring Mrs. Robinson when you come on to this meeting and make us a good visit. We are both quite enthusiastic over the prospect of your doing this. You can not only take in the meeting but can look in on the Sesqui-Centennial, too, and better than all, can give us the pleasure of the visit.

EDWIN J. REINKE
CHAIR OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE
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Personal

August 9th, 1926.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I trust you will not think me presumptuous in passing on a suggestion to you. I have just returned from Stony Brook, where I spent a couple of pleasant and profitable weeks. I was there thrown in a great deal with Dr. Greenway, who, as a member of Phila. Presbytery, I know very well. Of course, the Lincoln situation was discussed. I learned that he had been exceedingly attached to the Lincoln work, and that it was only the paramount claim of his boys, who are fixtures in Phila., that prevented his acceptance. "Had the offer come a little later, I should certainly have accepted. The attitude of the alumni counted for absolutely nothing with me."

He then told me - frankly, I sounded him - that, should a vacancy in the Board of Trustees occur, and he be elected, he would accept with the greatest alacrity. I thought you men who are the real directors of the destiny of Lincoln, and who have its real interests near your hearts, ought to know this. Greenway, as you know, is a "prince and a leader." He would be a glorious accession. I don't see how we could have had a better President, had he been able to come. As it is, might he not be able even yet to render splendid service?

With cordial regard

E. J. Reinke.

Don't trouble to reply to this.

South Presbyterian Church
Syracuse, N.Y.

Southwest Harbor
Maine
July 25 1916

My dear Robinson:

It was good to get your full & frank letter about Lincoln. I had no idea there was any such condition there. Greenway never mentioned such a thing.

I presume it is over doctrinal matters, that is, in diversity. Well, stand your ground & don't give up the field.

Dr. Dorr Warren wants a church. Do you know one?

front of me & I wondered how he would take it, as he was originally a New England man. The service was scarcely over before he began to expostulate & said "Would you ever have believed it, that it would come to this in a Xian church — one would never have known that there was such a person as Jesus Christ."

Well, Dole of Jamaica Plain was to preach today, the old Unitarian arch priest. So we went on to South East Harbor to the Episcopal church.

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Dr was founded by Bishop Doane & is always Evangelical. It was packed at 10:15 & the service was low & Evangelical & Drury of St Paul's preached an elegant sermon on "Dr. would see Jesus" Dr is the finest congregation one can see anywhere — Diestors, Yanalli Lipincotts, Clarks & loads of other Phila people. They have driven Master & me out of the Seal Harbor Congl pulpit, since Brown has charge of it & now Hal Cary has left & we here, they are running it all Unitarian & the churches are almost empty — But they don't see it — or care.

Dr has a fine time with Stewart & his wife a Year ago at Edenburgh. Remember us to them.

With best regards to Mr Robinson & yourself. I am, Yours ever John J. Rowe

We have got to win out. The forces of the modernist position will soon kill them. I never saw it more clearly illustrated than here. The little Congl. church here has to cater to the Unitarians. The last two Sundays the sermons were on the "Beauties of Nature" — practically a return to nature worship — Pantheism. Last Sunday it was Foote of Harvard & if the little Pastor had not said "for Christ's sake" at the close of the opening prayer, the name of Jesus Christ would not have been mentioned in the whole service. Westminster Church Bushnell of Minneapolis put in

I often want to write to you but I am so busy & tired. Congratulate me I have taught a Sunday school class & have one of my own, so we'll see.

South Presbyterian Church
Syracuse, N.Y.

Southwest Harbor
Maine
Thursday night
July 15th 1920

My dear Robinson:

Last Monday your telegram was phoned to me from Bar Harbor. I asked when it had been received & they said, "Saturday". I told them that we had arrived on Saturday afternoon about 3:30. So that caused the delay, as well as that your telegram had been to Syracuse.

I presume you got my reply

Could you come down here?

Our son, Warren, is not here so I am quite necessary here to the family, but, if you could not come so far, I would meet you at a convenient point.

It is a beautiful trip here by boat leaving Boston at ~~4~~ 5 p.m. & reaching here about 8:30 a.m. Change boats at Rockland, Maine.

I am working like a Trojan, getting the place in order after two years absence.

in which I said it at I knew so little about it that perhaps you had better write me the full particulars before we try to meet at so great a distance.

But to-day two letters have come from Greenway telling me about the institution, which interests me quite a lot.

So I have just written you again asking when it would be convenient for us to meet.

How would Boston do?

With best regards to Mrs Robinson & yourself

I am
yours as ever
John T. Reeve

Over

Edgewood Park July 28 1926

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Yours of the 27th received. I had also received a letter from Dr. Laird along the lines of his to you, and have replied to-day. He suggests a meeting in the week of August 2d and perhaps from what he says in the difficulty of more fully discussing matters together, it may be wise to postpone it a little while, however. You are right, and such perhaps more of the difficulties might have been avoided if we had had more frequent consultations. I have written at some length on the necessity of our adhering to our original determinations to secure an outside man for Pendleton. Mr. Pierce writes me returning the letters: "I have read this very simply done." "I have sent the letters with interest" — and "Under existing conditions there are in my mind only two men to place in nomination and one of those neither you or I would vote for."

I will, unless you object, retain the

letter you gave me to read to Mr. Parke on my return. I am very delighted he will [illegible] with us for an outside man.

I can not tell you how very much we regret that it seems impossible for you to arrive at Fryer Cottage on the 31st. We would have been delighted to have seen you all. The memory of our most enjoyable visit to you will linger long. We hope the next time you come to Pleasant Utah Miss Robinson can come with you and that you can make a good long visit.

Mrs. Ramsey and my daughter unite with me in kindest regards to you all.

Sincerely Yours

G. Ramsey

SQUIRREL INN

HAINES FALLS, N.Y.

July 22nd 1924.

Rev & Mrs C. W. Robinson
Delhi. N.Y.

My dear friends.

I trust you have this refreshing breeze this morning that is helping us to endure the heat. To look down the Clove, we feel sure the heat is intense in the Lowlands and we feel very thankful for the elevation.

Mr Ramsey and I feel we have

enjoyed a real treat in our visit
in your very hospitable home.
The recollection of it, will cheer us
many a dreary day in the winter.
Every one here wanted to know
if we did not find the motor-
ing very warm. We certainly
did not in your most com-
fortable car.
I trust you arrived home in
good time for dinner and had
some time for rest before the
evening service.
We are anticipating a visit
from you and your children
next week. Let us know so we
will be ready & receive you
and not be out walking.

Mrs Robinson- I am enclosing the Postcard
I mentioned about the Real Silk Hosiery Mills.
I think, if you care to try it, you will find
it my satisfactory-
Remember we are expecting you folk-
when you come down to Phil.
Again thanking you so much for the
pleasure you have given us,
Mr Ramsey joins me in sending
kindest regards-
With cordially yours-
Emma Alexander Ramsey.

EDWIN J. REINKE
CHAIR OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA.

Personal.

July 10th, 1926.

Dear Dr. Robinson;

I am sending the enclosed with a very sincere apology, in view of its accursions and, in my view, actionable character, yet my colleagues and myself feel that it is our duty to pass it on. That it speaks for itself, goes without saying, as the items could scarcely have been picked up by the editor.

The situation is unquestionably becoming very serious. I have taken it upon myself to write Dr. Laird, suggesting that he confer with the legal men, to see what suggestions they can make to save the institution. It was most unfortunate that Prof. M. —— was continued as Acting President, after his deliberate refusal to cooperate unqualifiedly with the Trustees. The result has been that the legal men have been heard very little, while several unfortunate departures have been proposed, accepted by the busy men on the Board, who did not fully understand their bearing, and put into operation. It has been with

the utmost difficulty that we have been able to block, or rebuke, some of the worst of the anarchism.

I am writing this for a two-fold purpose. First. No doubt you may feel like ending your connection with the institution; but do not do so. The situation is serious, but not hopeless. Order can be restored. You were one of Dr Pendell's trusted men, and can help to get the ship off the shoals. Do not abandon us, either; we have had, and are having, a hard fight.

Second. Back up the idea of a conference with the loyal men. Dr Laird would be no more than human if he had his ideas directed at times into doubtful channels when he hears nothing but the plausible presentations of one man. Let the men who hold with the Board be heard, in a bunch.

Action of some kind should be taken now, before the September crisis is on us. The Board can hardly hope to get a President by then. But why continue in office a man who has coolly defied the Board, now that the scholastic year is up? Carter is a trained business man, as well as a man of means. He is absolutely loyal. Why not have him put in till you can get your breath, and settle on a regular President?

Pardon haste. With

Cordial regard, Edwin J. Clinke.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK
GEORGE REYNOLDS, D. D., PASTOR
(THE PASTOR'S STUDY)

June
1st
1926

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi,
New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Gratefully do I appreciate your kind note expressing sympathy with us in the calamity in which our old church building went up in smoke. It is a severe loss, but not without its bright side, for it will enable us now to carry out our plans that have long been brewing for a larger and more appropriate building for the work of the future.

Cordially yours,

Geo Reynolds